

## Prayer and Diary

### Prayer chain

Send prayer requests to Clive at [cliveolive@me.com](mailto:cliveolive@me.com)

### Pray for our town's churches

Pray for **All Saints, Elton and St James, Woolfold** & their minister **Simon Cooke**.

### Prayer points:

**Sunday:** As Advent begins, pray for spiritual renewal in our town.

**Monday:** Residents & staff at Walshaw Hall as we share communion there.

**Tuesday:** For all the mission groups planning to use the new facilities.

**Wednesday:** The Holy Communion taking place at the Victoria tonight.

**Thursday :** The General Election taking place one week today.

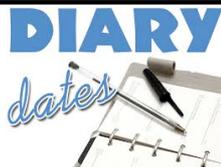
**Friday:** Bury Churches Together prayer meeting at Seedfield Methodists.

**Saturday:** Residents of Bournville Dr, Bowland Cl, Bradshaw Rd & Brookthorpe Meadows.

**Sunday:** To worship together in spirit and truth on the Lord's day.



Items for inclusion to [walshawchurch@gmail.com](mailto:walshawchurch@gmail.com) by Wednesday evening please.



Sun 1st	11.00am	Morning Worship - start of Advent
Mon 2nd	2.00pm	Walshaw Hall Communion
	7.30pm	Women's Christmas Dinner at the Victoria Walshaw
Wed 4th	10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group (school)
	7.00pm	Carols, Holy Communion & a Pint (Victoria Walshaw)
	7.15pm	Walshaw Community Choir (church)
Thu 5th	7.15pm	Open Door Homegroup (46, Holthouse Road)
Fri 6th	8.00pm	Bury Churches Together Prayer - Seedfield Meths
Sat 7th	10.00am	Church Cleaning Party
Sun 8th	7.00pm	Holy Communion and Children's Church
Mon 9th	6.30pm	Carols at The Priory
	7.30pm	Men's Christmas Dinner at The Victoria Walshaw
Tue 10th	7.15pm	Walshaw Community Choir rehearsal (church)
Wed 11th	10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group (church)
	7.00pm	Walshaw Community Choir Christmas Concert (church)
Thu 12th	7.15pm	Open Door Homegroup (46, Holthouse Road)
Sun 15th	5.45pm	Community Carol Service
Tue 17th	6.30pm	Carols at Walshaw Hall
Wed 18th	10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group (church)
Thu 19th	6.30pm	Open Door Homegroup Social (46, Holthouse Rd)
Tue 24th	5.30pm	Christingle Service
Wed 25th	10.30am	Christmas Day Family Celebration
	1.30pm	Community Christmas Meal (names to Nigel please)



Christ Church Walshaw  
Sunday 1st December 2019 11am  
Morning Worship First Sunday in Advent

Text for 2019 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11)

Welcome to our Morning Worship service this morning. Children's Church is not taking place this week but will resume next week.

Next Sunday 8th December Holy Communion and Children's Church

### Children's Church activity before Christmas

Children's Church members started making a Jesse Tree last week, and will continue next week and through to December 22<sup>nd</sup> when the tree will be completed and shared with the church family.

### What is a Jesse Tree?

A Jesse Tree is a decorative tree used during Advent to retell the stories of the Bible that lead to Jesus's birth. Since Advent is a season of waiting, a Jesse Tree will help to build joy and anticipation as we wait for Christmas.



### Why is it called a Jesse Tree?

The term comes from Isaiah 11:1 and 2

*There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.*

In this verse, Isaiah predicts the coming of Jesus. He is telling the people that, one day, a great ruler will rise up from the descendants of the great King David. Jesse, was David's father.

This was exciting news to the people of Isaiah's time. Many of the kings who ruled after David were poor rulers. They led their people away from worshiping God. Eventually David's kingdom split in two and then faded away.

Isaiah's prophecy of a stump shows how the family of David had been "cut down". Jesus would be like a new growth and a new hope for the kingdom that was once strong and worshiped God as one.

The Tree of Jesse in Isaiah was the original use of the family tree. So, all of our family tree's today are based on Jesus's family tree.

## Looking forward

**Wednesday 4th December**

Before things get 'just too busy' ...

**Carols, Holy Communion  
& then a Pint**

**7pm at the Victoria Walshaw**  
led by Jean Burgess,  
the Archdeacon of Bolton

Join us as we remember 'what it's all about'  
in an informal & friendly way.  
All are welcome.



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**Walshaw Community  
Choir**

with special guests  
**Tottington  
Public Band**

also starring  
**'Sticks &  
Phones'**



present...  
**AN EVENING OF  
CHRISTMAS  
MUSIC**

**Wednesday 11th  
December 2019**

Adults £4.00  
Children FREE  
(no tickets required,  
pay on the door)  
**7pm**  
**Christ Church**  
High Street, Walshaw  
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## to Christmas!

**Getting ready for Christmas in church: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am**

We will be doing some cleaning and getting the church ready for the church hosting lots of special Christmas services and events .. we are hoping to decorate the Christmas tree the day after. The more the merrier. Hope to see you then. **Steve**

**The Priory**

**Monday 9th December at 6.30pm**

Join us to sing carols with residents and staff of The Priory and help to share Jesus with them.

**Carol singing**



**Walshaw Hall and The Beeches**

**Thursday 17th December at 6.30pm**

We hope you will be able to come along to help us re-tell the Christmas story, and share a little time with residents, family members and staff.

**Christmas Community Concert - 11th Dec - help required**

To support this event we need volunteers for several roles including **car park stewarding, inside stewarding, and serving refreshments**. If you are available, and if you are not a member of the choir, please let **Gordon or Helen Clark** know.

This will be a great opportunity to welcome people from our local community, so let's work together to ensure everything runs smoothly.

**Christmas Day Meal!**

We are planning a Christmas meal in church on Christmas day for anyone on their own on this special day ... single folk or couples.

It will be informal and relaxed ... a time for conversation, fun, mulled wine, mince pies and a Christmas meal.

If you would like to come along on Christmas day or you know someone else who would like to come along please contact **Nigel Leinweber** on 07980 867154. Please also let Nigel know if you would like to help.

**Church  
Family  
Christmas  
Dinner**

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